

ADVANCE FOR USE 7 P.M.

CIA

(ADVANCE) WASHINGTON (AP)--A HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS DEFENSE SUBCOMMITTEE HAS ORDERED THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO GIVE IT A FULL EXPLANATION OF THE WORLD MILITARY SITUATION.

THE COMMITTEE'S ACTION WAS ORDERED BY CHAIRMAN MAHON (D-TEX) AT THE REQUEST OF REP. WHITTEN (D-MISS), WHO SAID THE COMMITTEE'S RECORD OF RECENT EMERGENCY DEFENSE HEARINGS INDICATED THE NEED FOR AN EXPLANATION.

WHITTEN AND OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS SAID THEY WONDERED IF THERE WAS A LACK OF INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT OTHER NATIONS ARE DOING, PARTICULARLY RUSSIA.

REP. SIKES (D-FLA) SAID THE UNITED STATES APPARENTLY KNEW NOTHING ABOUT RUSSIA'S "PHENOMENAL" PROGRESS UNTIL THE SOVIET LAUNCHED ITS SPUTNIK.

"THE CIA NOW SAYS THAT THEY KNEW, ACCORDING TO SOME PUBLISHED PRESS REPORTS," SIKES SAID. "IF THEY KNEW IT, WHY DID NOT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE KNOW IT? IF THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE KNEW IT, WHY WAS NOT SOME ACTION TAKEN? THE CONGRESS WAS NOT REQUESTED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT."

MAHON SAID CIA OFFICIALS WILL BE ASKED TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE LATER THIS SESSION.

END ADVANCE

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